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## BUSINESS FIELD

The last statement made by the Lincoln banks show a higher percentage of cash on hand than will probably be the case again for a long time to come. The banks have, with a persistency that has proved disheartening to borrowers, manifested a disposition to accumulate cash until almost unheard of figures were reached. At the time the statements were made the other day the German National had 30 per cent, the First and Columbia 34 per cent, and the American Exchange, 37 per cent cash and exchange.

While the banks are not loaning any money to speak of as yet, it is probable that there will be a gradual shrinkage in these figures. Deposits are slowly creeping up, and there is a prospect that a more liberal policy will be followed as regards loans.

It is interesting, though far from gratifying to note how the deposits have dropped in the last few months. The statements made March 6 showed the following:

Columbia	413,211.56
German	430,743.55
American Exchange	552,013.75
First	1,874,565.43

Between March 6 and May 4 the deposits dropped to the following:

Columbia	349,908.54
German	373,475.07
American Exchange	703,650.93
First	1,780,283.18

July 12 the condition of deposits was as follows:

Columbia	207,414.00
German	275,341.02
American Exchange	654,771.32
First	1,220,716.67

The last statement made October 3 shows:

Columbia	278,881.00
German	184,442.00
American Exchange	654,771.32
First	1,060,091.00

The period between the last two statements, July 12 and October 3, covers the most distressing part of the panic. Since October 3, while there has not been any very considerable improvement in business, there is greater confidence, and the banks all report a slight increase in deposits.

There isn't any use denying the fact that the October business, of which so much was expected, has proved generally disappointing. In dry goods, furniture, hardware and clothing the present season ought to be particularly lively; but it isn't. Goods have been offered in some instances at very low figures, but the number of buyers has not been very large. Bargains seem to have lost their potency. Merchants no longer look for any sudden recovery now. They can see a gradual improvement, and they think matters will continue to improve until next spring or fall, when something like the normal stage will be reached. In the meantime expenses are being cut and the edges are being trimmed. Coal dealers and grocers report sales nearly up to the average; but then people have to buy coal and groceries. Collections are better than they were a month ago. Most of the wholesale houses report good business, very good comparatively, with collections fair. The travelling men who make Lincoln their home are beginning to go out on the road, and their reports are on the whole encouraging.

There is some life in inside real estate. Some sales are reported, and there are many applications from renters for inside houses. The number of empty houses of every description, is small.

The saloon men are affected by the hard times the same as other people. The proprietor of one of the leading saloons in the city, centrally located, says that with the exception of state fair week his business for the last few months has not averaged much more than half of last year's business.

Lumber dealers are doing a fair business—some of them very good. But the sales are mostly to farmers. The farmers in this county appear to be quite as prosperous as ever.

The Merchants bank in order to get in the push a little further will move down town in a few days and take possession of the corner formerly occupied by the Nebraska Savings Bank.

Perhaps the most encouraging

evidence of the approach of better times is the presence in the city of eastern money for the purchase of state warrants. Not long ago they were sold with difficulty for 94 and 95 cents. Now they are readily bringing 99 1/2 cents.

An event of some significance is the approval of a loan of \$50,000 for the West Side Improvement Company a day or two ago. This money will put things in good shape out at Western Normal.

### Flint the Fun-Maker

Flynt the hypnotist and fun maker returns to Funke opera house for a week's engagement Monday next.

He is recognized as the most scientific hypnotist giving public exhibitions, while his fun making powers have no limit.

He left many warm friends after his spring engagement who will accord him him a hearty welcome. These entertainments appeal with special force to people of culture who always find food for thought well as laughter. Hypnotism is fast taking rank as the most noble of sciences and gaining prominence in the friends of the author and dramatist. None who desires to be abreast of the times can afford to neglect acquiring all possible light upon the most abstruse of intellectual studies which is of such vast moment to all mankind. Flint's entertainments are usually considered a society event and Lincoln will no doubt prove no exception. Just one long laugh characterizes these entertainments.

"Man wants but little here below"  
Will do to write in a book;  
But he's always anxious to get all he can  
By most any hook or crook.

I've lost my heart this summer,  
And I'll never get it back,  
For I don't know who has got it—  
Tom or Will or Jim or Jack.

When the editor takes his pen in hand  
And writes: "We are here to stay,"  
You can write the reason upon the sand:  
"No money to move away."

## WILL PLAY FOOT BALL

Today at M street park the second game of foot ball of this year's series will be played. The visiting eleven is from Baker University, Baldwin, Kan. For two years they have been the champions of Kansas. They have been playing with uniform success this year, but the supporters of the home team hope to see this record broken today. We have a stronger team this year than ever, stronger individually, and especially stronger in team work.

Much depends on this game. If the state university team wins it, the boys will feel quite confident of being able to win the inter-state university pennant this year. As Baker has already beaten Kansas and Missouri this year, two members of this league, it will be without doubt the most scientific game ever played here. Crawford, our coach, trained the Baker team last year, and he told the boys just what they might expect. He knows all the strong or weak points in Baker's playing.

The manager has made arrangements so that the confusion of last Saturday's game will not occur again. A squad of policemen will keep the crowd back behind the ropes, and good seats near the grounds will be provided for the ladies free of charge. The university hopes to make these games a fixture next year. Foot ball is not appreciated here in the west as it is in New England, but it will be in the near future. It is distinctly a college and an amateur game. By the league constitution professionals are barred from playing on any college team. Perhaps this more than any thing else is the cause of its great popularity in the east.

### Bicycle Notes.

The run called for Sunday, October 22 to Germantown did not take place, the weather not permitting.

Captain D. W. Small has been sick about ten days. The boys all join in hope for his speedy recovery.

Lew Trester is a very unlucky fellow. He was married the other day and had his "wheel" stolen. All in one week.

The club rooms will not be open to everybody as heretofore, but every member should have a key. Keys can be had of the secretary.

The Capital City Cycling club have moved in their new quarters at 1627 O street, and have fitted the place up in grand style. The membership is increasing rapidly, and we will have over 100 members by Christmas.

The election of officers was held at the last regular meeting, and the following were elected for the ensuing term: J. E. Howe, president; G. R. Ford, vice president; Mode Griffith, treasurer; P. L. Webster, secretary; D. W. Small, captain; J. A. Bailey and Charles E. Seifert, lieutenants.

## RANDOM NOTES

Councilman George J. Woods is the man who started the discussion concerning city contracts, which bringing to light the loose methods of the city authorities, has caused some genuine uneasiness. Mr. Woods returned from New York Thursday, and when asked by a representative of THE COURIER if he could throw any additional light on the subject, he remarked:

"I will do what I can to make the matter clear. Suppose, for the purpose of illustration, we take the Dean & Horton contract for some \$8,000 worth of water supplies. Well; in the first place the board of public works were instructed to advertise for bids for material; this they did. But, however, only in local newspapers. The result was that three bids were received, and these all from local dealers, and there was but a slight difference in the bids—in fact so slight that it takes some time to decide which is the lowest. Now, it is a very good thing for the city to have close bids on material. But sometimes the closeness excites suspicion. For you know in this day and age there are such things as two or three men putting their heads together."

"Then there is further cause for suspicion in the fact that the board of public works had taken no pains to let the large dealers know that the city wanted a supply."

"I opposed letting the contract to Dean & Horton; ten councilmen thinking the other way, the contract was let to that firm. The mayor vetoed the action taken, thus giving me time to substantiate my position. This I think I have done."

"I addressed a firm in St. Louis and another one in Omaha and received lower bids from each of them—to give figures, there was nearly 300 tons of water pipe needed. Dean & Horton's bid was \$26.40 per ton. The Phoenix Foundry company, of Omaha, quoted me the same pipe at \$24.25 a saving of over \$600 on pipe alone, and so on through the rest of the bill of supplies. Now there is where I blame the board of public works; as there are only fifteen or twenty firms of any note in the country manufacturing such material. They could easily have addressed personal letters to each firm and thus received much lower bids than they did."

"Another reason why I opposed letting this contract was on account of the talk as regards the number of bills paid every week for material to these three firms from which bids were received. It has frequently been remarked in the council chamber that the city might as well buy out these establishments. I thought it an opportune time to investigate."

When rogues fall out sometimes the devil gets his due. The two rogues, Rosewater and Mosher, are exchanging courtesies, and the public is furnished with an inkling of the truth concerning the enormity of the deals in which these two precious scoundrels, in company with other precious scoundrels, have been engaged, at the expense of the public. Most people will believe all that Mosher says concerning the editor of the Bee, and the latter will doubtless soon regret that he ever touched the match to the Mosher barrel of powder.

As to the stories of Mosher's luxurious "captivity" in Omaha, with male and female companionship, and all sorts of fantastic trimmings, they are quite within the truth, notwithstanding Mr. Mosher's professions of outstanding virtue. Readers of THE COURIER will remember that this paper called attention to Mosher's disgraceful carousels some months ago. Any man about town in Omaha can attest the reliability of the statements recently made in the newspapers of Omaha and Lincoln.

The investigation into Mosher's stealings is still going on in a quiet way, with the possibility that there may be some startling developments in the near future. It is probable that Mr. Hayden the receiver of the Capital National Bank remarked some time ago that the mildest estimate of the amount taken by Mosher was far short of the truth and some persons have placed the amount as high as \$1,200,000.

One of the queer things in connection with the Mosher case is the conduct of some of the people, interested parties,

too, who were not long ago so clamorous for revenge. Their arder has cooled somehow, and they no longer seem to be interested in any attempt to punish the bank wrecker, or make him disgorge; strange isn't it?

There are some very observant persons in this city. One of these keen visioned individuals witnessed the presentation of "The Isle of Champagne" at the Lansing theatre Monday night, and this is what he saw, mind you, when the lights were turned out during a change of scenery: "I was in a position where I could see two or three young women, rather dimly, it is true, but still I could see, and to my horror, I saw strange things when the lights were turned off. It seems that some of our young ladies do not finish their toilet when they depart from home for the theatre. In two or three instances the ladies around me, the minute the lights went out, grabbed for some secret pocket in their dress or wrap and produced a powder rag, which they applied to their face with more haste than discretion. They were expeditious. When the theatre was again flooded with light they were sitting as unconcerned and immovable as marble goddesses. Of course it's none of my business, but doesn't it seem that this is carrying the powder rag business to extremes?"

In addition to the much advertised N. Y. elevated railway station and train of cars, which are a feature of "The Plunger" which will be presented at the Lansing next week an exact reproduction of the famous historic Garfield Hut is shown, which was built out of the rails, ties and spikes of the temporary road which was laid to convey the late President Garfield from the main line of the P. & O. to his Long Branch home. After the president's death, Byron purchased the entire branch of the railroad and erected a charmingly picturesque hut on the spacious grounds at North Long Branch out of the materials, none other being used.

### FASHIONS FOR MEN.

If you carry a cane let it be of natural wood, no matter how fancy.

Linen collars are getting somewhat higher, especially those worn in the evening.

The latest thing in bosoms for evening dress is that with an embroidery worked down the front.

Neckwear will be high colors—reds, blues, and Persians—this winter, and you will not be in it if you do not aim at something pretty loud.

The dress coat has a longer tail than last year and it is much more pointed. Swell dressers in the east think it very bad taste to wear a laced shoe with evening dress.

### Lessons in China Painting.

Figures a specialty; orders in Xmas novelties and portraits.

Samples at Lincoln Frame and Art company.  
EDITH RUSSELL,  
1928 Prospect St.

For latest styles in wraps  
ASHBY CLOAK CO.

For Sunday dinner supplies call at Halter's market, opposite Lansing Theatre. Phone 100.

### Stylish Jackets.

The stylish jacket and one of the favorite garments of the demi-season in Paris is of three quarter length, the fitted back held in place by a wide girdle of moire antique corset shape, made of black cloth, lined with silk; it has collar of silk covered with net, embroidered in palms and inner collar and cravat are of the same embroidered net. The Ashby Cloak Company at 1114 O Street, keep all the latest styles in cloaks, capes and fur garments.

### A Combine.

500 dozen Clark's and Coat's thread to be closed out at 1c a spool. We have all numbers and you can select what you like.

10 spoons Coat's or Clark's best thread	10
7 five-cent bars Soap	25
1 bottle Lemon extract	10
1 bottle Vanilla extract	10
1 large sack Salt	10
1 large bottle Bluing	10
1 large package Parlor Matches	15
2 lbs. Best Raisins	25
1 box Gloss Starch	10
3 lbs. Choice Rice	25
1 large box Stove Polish	10
1 lb. Extra Choice Tea	25
1 large package Soda	10
1 cake Toilet Soap	5

All the articles in this combination must be bought to get these prices.

25 lbs. Best Granulated Sugar	\$1.00
1 gal. Best Syrup	75
1 lb. Pure Baking Powder	25

All the articles in this combination must be bought to get these prices.

THE FARMERS GROCERY CO.  
226 N 10th street.

## POLITICAL TALK

The good people of Lincoln may be astonished and dismayed to learn that the present reform police administration is a fraud and a farce. Astonished because was not reform in all that the term implies promised them if the Hon. Austin H. Weir was re-elected to the mayoralty? Dismayed, because they feel there is no remedy possible for the existing evils in police affairs for eighteen long months. This paper has nothing to apologize for and will stand by the assertion when it says that some of the worst methods practiced by the Tammany heelers of the New York police force have been inaugurated in the police department of this city. But to the point.

Tuesday evening when the night force were about to leave the station for their beats, Officer John Kucera, a brawling, blatant anarchist, whose position is secure because of his populist proclivities, distributed packages of Fred A. Miller's political cards among the patrolmen, advising them to "rustle for Fred." Instead of looking to the safety of and protecting the lives and property of the citizens of Lincoln for which they are paid, these patrolmen are expected to peddle Miller's cards in order that the Miller-Weir-Malone combination may obtain control of the sheriff's office as they have gained control of the municipal government, by deceit and nullification of republican candidates.

Again this paper makes the assertion and will stand by it, that Officers O'Shea and Morrissey were restored to their positions on the police force from which they had been suspended by Mayor Weir, upon condition that they would "rustle and electioneer for Fred Miller for sheriff," and lo, Officers Morrissey and O'Shea, who were secretly working against Miller before their suspension, are loudly proclaiming upon the street corners their fidelity to him and prophesying his election by a very large majority.

Again, this paper makes the assertion and will stand by it, that Bob Malone, chief of the fire department and brother of Jim Malone, has given the firemen to understand that they are expected to work and vote for Fred Miller, or they will be summarily fired.

This, then, is the sort of political methods to which the boasted apostles of reform have descended, and by which they hope to gain control of the county government. Under the circumstances THE COURIER, in the interests of good, clean republican government, makes bold to say that the shibboleth of every honest republican, democrat, populist and prohibitionist in this campaign should be: Down with the Miller-Weir-Malone combination.

Mr. Fred A. Miller's efforts to carry water on one shoulder and beer on the other at one and the same time are very ludicrous.

The Hon. Phelps Paine claims to have discovered a deep laid plot concocted by certain republicans to defeat Richard O'Neill for sanitary trustee. Paine always had a penchant for unearthing men's nests. Trifles light as air are to the captain's unbridled imagination proofs as strong as words of holy writ.

THE COURIER is grieved to observe that the Cleveland democrats and middle-of-the-road populists are repudiating Colonel Thomas Worrall's fusion ticket. The anti-fusionists are fast climbing into the republican band wagon.

Police Captain Miller might possibly receive a fair vote in Lincoln if he could eliminate Jim Malone from his canvass. Republicans, democrats and independents alike are disgusted with the Miller-Weir-Malone combination.

Politicians of a conservative turn of mind place Maxey Cobb's majority at 1,000 in the county.

The opinion is widespread that policemen should not meddle with politics while on their beats.

A well known democratic politician in this city makes the following prediction as to the result of the state election: Holcomb, 70,000 to 75,000; Harrison, 65,000; Irvine, 25,000.

The World Herald is supporting with enthusiasm, Joseph H. Blair, for district judge in the Fourth judicial

district. Not long ago when Blair, who is a republican, was one of the attorneys for Governor Thayer in the Thayer-Boyd case, the World Herald was disposed to be decidedly unfriendly to the attorney. But Mr. Hitchcock's paper makes some queer shifts.

Fred Miller, Jim Malone's candidate for sheriff, is posing as a moral reform candidate to hoodwink the temperance people of Lincoln, yet it is only three Sundays since he attended a picnic and dance in southern Lancaster county equipped with several kegs of beer which he uncovered for the boys, and only the other evening he was setting it up to the boys at the Capital hotel bar.

Two of the populist candidates for constable having withdrawn the names of William Splain and E. E. Kester democratic nominees have been placed on the ticket.

C. T. Boggs and Richard O'Neill republican candidates for sanitary trustees have filed certificates of nomination by petition. W. G. Bohannon and Thomas Maloy, democrats have followed suit.

The query uppermost in the minds of apostles of democracy is, whither are we drifting? Wednesday the democratic populist committee placed the name of R. Wightman, prohibition candidate for county superintendent on the fusion ticket. Mr. Baer's majority will certainly be in four figures.

The indications are that Jim Malone will not be first deputy sheriff this year. Henry Hongland will hold that position after Alva Smith takes charge of the sheriff's office and Fred Miller returns to his position of night captain at the police station.

A prominent republican sizes up the methods resorted to in this campaign in behalf of the mongrel ticket in the following caustic style: "The spectacle of so called republicans uniting with the gang of political sharks in villifying, traducing, attempting to besmirch the characters of Maxey Cobb and Alva Smith is enough to call the dead to life in defense of the beleaguered interests of Lancaster county and the glory and achievements of the republican party in her behalf. A clique of recalcitrant republicans (obsequiously sewing a coterie of political pirates and dead beats who are engaged in a conspiracy to obtain possession of the county government as they have secured control of the city government, which would be equally disastrous to the best interests of Lincoln and her people. We see the candidates of the republican party for the two most important offices ruthlessly slandered and vilified by the gang of demo-pop mugwumps without a word of reply or defense from the republican press of Lincoln, which after having grown fat from patronage at the hands of republicans, are quick to rush to the defense of a mongrel candidate if a word is said against him. It is high time that this disgraceful exhibition should close. The nominees of the republican county convention are beyond question the superiors of those upon the demo-pop committee's ticket, and therefore should receive the hearty and unqualified support of every republican and lover of good government. The lies that are being circulated about Maxey Cobb and Alva Smith should be hurled in the teeth of the falsifiers by a larger republican majority for the whole republican ticket than was ever known in Lancaster county."

Colonel A. A. Jones' attempt to prejudice Judge Lansing before the colored voters of the city by accusing him of injustice to the colored people in the Flippin case fell most terribly flat, as it properly should have done. In the first place the case was brought for the purpose of making trouble, and not because of any real complaint that the colored people had been denied their rights by the proprietors of the sanitarium. And then Judge Lansing did not decide the case; it was left to a jury, and if Colonel Jones thinks it necessary to find fault with somebody, he should direct his attention to the jury, which was composed of J. J. Gillilan, H. M. Bushnell, M. B. Cheney and the editor of THE COURIER. The colored people have full confidence in Judge Lansing.

To stay out until 2 a. m.,  
Each night he often would,  
And if he felt inclined that way,  
Why, he'd get loaded good.  
He'd then go boldly to his home,  
As boldly climb the stairs;  
Great courage? Wait, he single was  
And knew no wife was there.

"Yes, dear, I said I'd marry you,"  
I heard the sweet girl say,  
"If Valkyrie were smart enough  
To take the cup away!  
And now, somehow, I wish that I  
Had bet the other way!"